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CINCPAC FOR POLAD
E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PK, SHUM
SUBJECT: SOVIET APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY FOR BHUTTO

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT BREZHNEV HAS SENT A LETTER TO PAKISTAN PRESIDENT CHAUDHRY REQUESTING CLEMENCY FOR FORMER PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO. THE LETTER IS SAID TO CONCEDE THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE IS AN INTERNAL MATTER OF PAKISTAN'S AND ADDS THAT THERE IS NOT INTENTION OF GOING INTO THE CHARGES AGAINST BHUTTO, BUT THAT HIS EXECUTION WOULD "PAIN PUBLIC OPINION" IN THE USSR. LETTERS ENDS WITH IMPLICATION THAT EXECUTION COULD
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LEAD TO A WORSENING OF RELATIONS, STATING THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS IS POSSIBLE, BUT THERE IS SINCERE CONCERN THAT NOTHING OCCUR TO OVERSHADOW THIS DEVELOPMENT.

2. SOVIET EMB COUNSELOR CHUFRIN IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF HAS CONFIRMED THAT LETTER FROM BREZHNEV WAS DELIVERED

IN ISLAMABAD BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR AZIMOV. CHUFRIN ADDED THAT
PRESS ACCOUNTS OF LETTER'S CONTENT ARE GENERALLY ACCURATE. HUMMEL

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